

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraphs starting at page 3, line 14 and ending at line 17 have been amended as follows.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail of Figure 4 showing the core during the cutting operation, and

Figure 6 is an enlarged detail of Figure 4 showing the cutter head and its supports, ~~the cutting operation,~~

The paragraph starting at page 5, line 4 and ending at line 12 has been amended as follows.

The core support 300 comprises a two pairs 302 and 304 of robust square section solid support members located at about one metre apart within the trough 134 (as see in Figure ~~2~~ 7). The support members of each pair are mounted in a carrier plates 306 and 308 which are each supported on intermediate plates 310 and 321 and ~~is~~ are secured to the floor 150 of the trough 134. The members 302 and 304 are mounted on the carrier plates in such a way that they can move relative thereto transversely to the trough 134. The carrier plates 306 and 308 are mounted on the intermediate plates 310 and 231 in such a way that they can be moved slightly transversely to the trough 134 to ensure that the members 302 and 304 are centrally located in the trough 134.